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ARMY OF THE POTOMAC.

The Philadelphia Inquirer has the following special letter:

BULL RUN, Va., June 15.—The army of the Potomac is now on and near the old Bull Run battle-field. The 3d army corps arrived at Manassas Junction on Monday morning.

The 1st and 11th Corps are at Centreville.

The remainder of the Army of the Potomac, the 2d, 5th, 6th and 12th Corps, will probably reach here to-night.

Major General Hooker and the retinue attached to the general headquarters are on their way to this point, and by to-morrow noon or night the army will be together again.

Our cavalry commands have during the whole time been on our flanks. They have done invaluable service as scouts, gaining information of the enemy's movements, and making reconnaissances which impeded the enemy's progress.

General Gregg, with his division, is and has been operating in the neighborhood of Warrenton and White Sulphur Springs.

Gen. Duffie's Division, late Gen. Averill's, are at the base of the Blue Ridge, near Ashby's Gap.

General Buford, with the regulars, has completely blocked up Thoroughfare Gap, thereby preventing the approach of the Confederates to this neighborhood, through that channel.

Colonel Taylor, of the 1st Pennsylvania Cavalry, now temporarily in command of General Wyndham's Brigade, has had the Orange and Alexandria Railroad under his special care.

General Pleasanton, now in command of the cavalry corps, has his headquarters in the neighborhood of Warrenton Junction.

Our cavalry have captured many prisoners, and brought away numberless "contrabands," from whom valuable information has been obtained.

Among the prisoners captured is Captain Hutchins, of Stuart's Cavalry. He was with General Twiggs in Texas, when Twiggs surrendered his command and the Government property.

Among the most important seizures made by our cavalry has been that of a bag containing mail letters written by the Confederate soldiers and addressed to their friends in the South.

Not only was the bag and its contents captured, but also the parties who had it in charge, thus breaking up a mail route that has doubtless been in constant operation for a considerable length of time.

Among the letters captured, was one written by an Aid to General Longstreet, to his wife living in Alabama. After talking of family matters the writer goes on to tell what is the object of their movement North. He says that they will ultimately send a cavalry force into Pittsburg, and sack and burn the town, while their infantry are to pillage and plunder sundry parts of Maryland and Pennsylvania.

PHILADELPHIA, June 17.—The Inquirer has a special despatch from Washington, dated last night, which contains the following intelligence:

The latest advices from the army show that Gen. Lee has pushed a very large force up the Shenandoah Valley.

Gen. Ewell's Corps is in the advance, accompanied by Gen. Stuart's Cavalry.

General Hill's Corps is close behind, and General Longstreet is bringing up the rear.

There no longer seems to be any doubt but that General Lee is throwing the whole of his forces up towards Maryland and Pennsylvania.

Our cavalry have been skirmishing with Lee's rear-guard for two days, and all information now tends to show that the Confederates are now moving to give us battle on the old field of Bull Run, or in that vicinity.

Our forces evacuated Frederick, Md., and that vicinity and fell back to the Relay House this morning. No enemy pursuing them they returned to Frederick this morning with strong reinforcements.

Some Confederates appeared at Poolesville last evening, but withdrew without doing any damage.

An extra train went to Harper's Ferry last night and returned this morning.

Soon after the train passed the Point of Rocks some of Gen. Hill's Corps came in on a tour of observation.

It is said by some who watch military matters closely, that the next battle will be fought in Maryland, and perhaps on the old field of Antietam again.

[Special dispatch to the N. Y. Tribune.]

CENTREVILLE, June 16.—The first corps d'armee reached here about two o'clock P. M. of yesterday, and found the 11th corps encamped, having arrived the day before. The 3d and 5th corps were last night at Manassas Junction, and will join us this morning. The 6th corps is advancing from below Fredericksburg, and the 2d is said to have struck camp at Falmouth and are moving in this direction. The 12th corps is at Fairfax. Gen. Hooker is expected momentarily. The location of the enemy is uncertain but heavy clouds of dust are reported to have been seen rising from the other side of Bull Run Mountains. It is thought we will assume the offensive to-day.

WASHINGTON, June 18th.—Information reached headquarters this afternoon of a fight at or near Aldie yesterday, between a portion of General Pleasanton's cavalry and the Confederate cavalry. The latter were forced to retire.

Eight officers and between sixty and seventy men were captured by the Federal forces. The prisoners are reported to be on their way to this city.

Aldie is in Loudoun county, ten miles southeast of Leesburg, and in the gap between the Bull Run and Catoctan Mountains.

Admiral Foote is lying dangerously ill. His physician has given up all hopes of his recovery.

The New York Seventh regiment, Colonel Lefferts, reached Baltimore at a quarter of 1 o'clock yesterday accompanied, by their band, and marched from President-street depot to Monument Square, where they reported to General Schenck.

Commodore Stockton, who was appointed major general last winter, has consented to take command of a division of New Jersey militia being raised to assist in the defence of Pennsylvania.

At a meeting in Sheffield, England, on the 3d of June, a resolution lamenting the decease of Gen. "Stonewall" Jackson was adopted, and directed to be sent as an expression of condolence to his widow.

Gold, in New York yesterday, 143½@144½.

FROM VICKSBURG.

HAINES' BLUFF, June 12.—No general attack from Gen. Johnston is expected for some days. Firing is continued upon Vicksburg from all sides. There are no no further demonstrations on the Louisiana side.

POINT DE SOTO, OPPOSITE VICKSBURG, June 10.—By the arrival of the ram Switzerland from the mouth of the Red river to-day, we have information of the destruction of Simsport, on the Atchafalaya, on the 4th inst. A reconnoissance by the Switzerland on the 3d discovered a battery of six field pieces, and a regiment of infantry holding the shore.—The Switzerland engaged them and was struck seven times, one shot severing the steam pipe. The damage was repaired and Capt. Walker, with the Lafayette and Pittsburg, silenced the battery and burned the town and commissary stores. The river is now clear between Port Hudson and Vicksburg.

HEADQUARTERS, WALNUT HILLS, VICKSBURG, June 12.—Evening.—The best information credits Gen. Loring, at Jackson, with 5,000 Confederates, Gen. Walker, at Yazoo City, with 5,000, and Gen. Johnston, at Canton, with 15,000. These will be massed to attack Gen. Grant's rear; but he holds all the fords on the Black river which must be crossed by Generals Johnston and Loring.—Confederate cavalry are continually scouting outside of Gen. Grant's lines.

Much sickness is said to prevail in Vicksburg, and the citizens desire its capitulation, which Gen. Pemberton absolutely refuses.

WASHINGTON, June 17.—The news from Vicksburg for several days past has been unimportant. All the advices received represent the siege as progressing steadily and everything going on well.

At a public meeting in Montgomery county, Indiana, on Saturday, a resolution was passed declaring that no enrollment of the militia in that county should take place. A committee was appointed, who waited on the Commissioner and read the resolution, and notified him that an attempt to enroll would be at his peril. The United States Marshal will arrest the parties immediately.

At the recent burning of Bluffton, S. C., by the Federal troops, about forty private residences were destroyed, and nearly one hundred stores, out houses, &c.

Col. Watkins, of the 6th Kentucky cavalry, has been presented, by order of Gen. Rosecrans, with the horse, equipments and sabre which belonged to Col. Williams, lately executed at Franklin, Tenn., as a spy. Col. Watkins, it will be remembered, was personally instrumental in making his arrest.

Walter Cullen, the proprietor of the New York Saloon, Philadelphia, was shot on Wednesday by a lieutenant of the 58th Pennsylvania regiment, named David Ludwig. Ludwig had been lounging about the place during the afternoon, and at the time of the occurrence had walked up to Cullen and engaged in conversation with him. After some words had passed, Ludwig pulled from his belt a revolver, put it to Cullen's breast, pulled the trigger, the whole load passing into his breast. Then putting the pistol to his own forehead, sent a bullet into his brain, killing him instantly. Cullen lies in a critical condition.